Import of insulating materials

†*196. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the wires and cables used for power generators and flow of electricity are manufactured in India;

(b) whether talks have been held in the matter with the manufacturers of electrical appliances;

(c) whether the need for import of insulating materials used in some of the cables like high thermal wire has been felt; and

(d) if so, whether any efforts are being made to develop them in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Electrical wire and cables of different varieties and range including high tension cables are manufactured in India. Some of the cables are exported from India and some kind of cables are also imported.

(b) No, Sir. No talks have been held with manufacturers of electrical appliances in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(c) No problem in procurement of insulating material has been brought to the notice of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion by cable manufacturers.

(d) The various insulating compound/materials being manufactured in India are PVC compound, Thermoplastic Semi conducting compound, XLPE Compound (Cross linked polyethylene compound), Zero Halogen Flame Retardant Compound, High Flame Resistance Zero Halogen Cross Linkable Compound etc. The entire petrochemical industry is delicensed and de-regulated. The polymer compounds/insulating materials for wire and cables are under Open General Licence and can be imported depending on the specific requirement of wire and cables industry.

Plan allocation for textiles during Eleventh Plan

*197. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the plan allocations made for textiles during the Eleventh Plan period, sector-wise;

(b) the percentage of decrease/increase over the allocations made for textiles during the Tenth Plan period, sector-wise;

(c) whether any new schemes are proposed to be launched for the development of textile sector during the Eleventh Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes alongwith the targets fixed for achievement?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has projected a tentative outlay of Rs. 12377.66 crore at 2006-07 prices (Rs. 14000.00 crore at current prices) for the Ministry of Textiles for the Eleventh Five Year Plan as compared to a tentative projected outlay of Rs. 3580.00 crore at 2001-02

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prices for the Tenth Plan which shows an increase of 245.74 per cent. However, actual allocations are made on an annual basis depending on the availability of resources. For Annual Plan 2007-08, which is the first year of the Eleventh Plan, an allocation of Rs. 2243.00 crore had been made and for Annual Plan 2008-09, an allocation of Rs. 2500.00 crore has been agreed to by the Planning Commission. The Sector-wise/sub sector-wise break-up of the actual allocation during the Tenth Plan (total of Annual Plan allocations), the tentative projected outlay for the Ministry of Textiles for the Eleventh Plan and the percentage difference between the two are given below:

Sl. No.	Sector/Scheme	Actual Allocation during Xth Plan (at current prices)	Tentative projected outlay for the XIth Plan (at current prices)	Percentage difference
1	2	3	4	5
A.	**Village & Small Industry**			
1.	Handlooms	792.33	1370.45	72.96
2.	Powerlooms	54.28	114.78	111.46
3.	Sericulture	534.64	472.54	-11.62
4.	Handicrafts	509.55	975.07	91.36
5.	Wool & Woollens	43.00	67.16	56.19
	Sub Total (A)	1933.80	3000.00	55.13
B.	**Industry**	2906.45	11000.00	278.47
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B):	4840.25	14000.00	189.24

(c) and (d) Though the Ministry of Textiles has proposed a few new schemes for the Eleventh Plan, these are yet to be approved by the Cabinet. The proposed new schemes are Brand Promotion Scheme, Foreign Investment Promotion Scheme, Textilpolis, setting up of Fashion Hubs, Common Compliance Code, Human Resources Development and Textile Engineering including others. As these schemes are yet to be approved, no targets have been fixed.

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

†*198. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is not getting completed on time in Himachal Pradesh and particularly in district Shimla;

(b) if so, the names of such roads alongwith names of constractors who are delaying construction of roads;

(c) whether Government proposes to take action against the contractors and officers responsible for slow pace of construction work of roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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